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## OPSEU expects teachers to reject latest contract offer

By Michael-Allan Marion

About 40 Conestoga College teachers showed up at a union meeting May 16 to hear the latest contract offer from the colleges and, according to the union's leadership, they didn't like what they heard.

"I'd say it's about 90 per cent in favor of rejection," said Bart Wesseling, local president of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union and a member of the bargaining team.

"I'm not surprised they'll turn it

down," said John Berry, local chief steward. "There's really nothing in it. Especially in the area of job security. What they offered amounts to a joke."

The union's bargaining team had made job security a priority during negotiations. The teachers asked for a job security package which included the establishment of a fund by all Ontario community colleges to support and retrain laid-off teachers, and wanted the colleges to contribute one per cent of base salaries toward the fund.

The colleges offered to set up a

College Employment Stability Committee and a retraining fund supported by contributions of \$50 per teacher — roughly equal to one-tenth of one per cent of base salaries.

"There's no teeth in it (the committee)," Berry said. "The amount they've committed to the fund could probably retrain one faculty member per semester."

Wesseling said the colleges' offer would provide only about \$19,000 per year for retraining at Conestoga College, which has laid off more than 10 teachers in some

recent years.

The teachers had also asked for a 13-per-cent salary increase, while the colleges offered 12.5 per cent over two years.

"The inflation rate in Ontario is now 6.9 per cent," said Wesseling, "so that means we're losing ground very badly."

Berry blamed the current impasse on years of government underfunding, which he termed short-sighted, and a threat to Ontario's manufacturing base.

"I'm concerned about our manufacturing base," he said. "Short-sighted policies have hurt

the colleges so much that I'm worried we might lose our competitive edge if we can't turn out people with the latest technological skills. Ontario has long been the industrial heartland of the country and I'm afraid that might slip away."

Wesseling said he was still optimistic a settlement could be reached by the end of October in spite of the expected rejection vote on May 31.

"There's still room for an agreement," he said. "Right now, the members are just telling them (the colleges) how they feel."

## Changes in education needed to save technology programs, says principal

By Scott McNichol

Changes in the education system are needed if Conestoga College technology programs are to be kept alive, said Tony Martinek, principal of the Doon campus.

Statistics from the technology programs show that some enrolment figures have dropped significantly since 1987. The largest drop occurred in the electrical engineering program in which 96 students enrolled in the fall of 1987. It is estimated in the statistics that there will only be 60 students enrolling this fall.

At the Guelph campus, the

electro/mechanical technician and electro/mechanical technician (hydraulics) programs have been combined because there were not enough students in either program to keep them going, said Martinek.

David Gross, vice-president of marketing and community relations, with the help of a consulting firm, is currently putting together new promotional material and student programs that will help encourage high school students to enter technology programs.

Martinek said it is odd to see a decline in enrolment into technology programs, especially when there has been a significant boom

of industry requiring graduates in local areas.

"Almost hand in hand with the industrial boom, there has been a declining interest in technology by secondary school students," said Martinek.

He said the blame cannot be placed on any specific institution. However, he said there is a need to change the education system at the primary school level.

"Children today seem to take for granted the automation that's around them," he said. It is this that stifles the curiosity of finding out why these things work.

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## College personalizes Doon registrar's office

By Scott McNichol

Changes taking place at the Doon campus registrar's office are part of a personalization strategy, according to David Gross, vice president of marketing and community relations.

The changes will include two entrances to the main administration building — one for students and one for applicants and general

inquiries. Also, recruiting offices, formerly in portable eight, will be in the main building.

"It is all part of a more personalized approach," said Gross. He explained that the changes will make it easier to find and talk to the person who can best help.

The setup will also eliminate the congestion regularly seen during months in which the Ontario student loans and grant cheques are

handed out.

General inquiries and new applicants will use the main entrance that used to be for everyone. This will be known as the admissions recruitment area.

The new student door will be located down the walkway towards visitor parking, and students will be able to pick up Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) cheques.

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## Day care planned for Waterloo

By Eric Schmiedl

There's going to be a lot of "childish" activity at Conestoga College's Waterloo campus this fall.

Donna McKenna, co-ordinator of the early childhood education program, said a 90-space day-care centre will be built at the Waterloo campus. Both the Ontario government and the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company of Waterloo are providing funding for the project, according to McKenna.

The Ministry of Community and Social Services will contribute \$638,700 to the construction of the centre, and the company will donate \$218,000, she said.

McKenna said the Waterloo centre won't be exactly the same as the one already in operation at the Doon campus.

"It'll be different in that it's

partially a workplace day-care centre for Manufacturers Life," McKenna said, adding, "The design will be different — there'll be (spaces for) 20 infants rather than 10."

In addition to the 20 infant spaces, there will be 15 spaces for toddlers and 55 for pre-school and school-aged children, making a total of 90 spaces, McKenna said.

A Ministry of Community and Social Services press release said employees of Manufacturers Life will have the right to 30 spaces.

McKenna said Ross Weber, head of human resources for Manufacturers Life, contacted her over a year ago to discuss the possibility of getting some kind of day care assistance for the company's employees.

"They (the company) wanted to provide some type of child care service, but weren't quite

sure what type of child care service," McKenna said.

Eventually, as a result of the discussion between McKenna and Weber, the college got involved with the project, she said.

McKenna said the centre is unique because it is being constructed through the cooperation of three agencies: the college, the government, and the company. The centre meets the needs of all three, according to McKenna.

"(The centre will) provide badly-needed child care spaces," McKenna said. She added the centre will also "provide a lab-school for our students in Waterloo, for training more early childhood education students, as we have a desperate need for them at this point."

McKenna said the centre is scheduled to open in the fall, but the exact opening date had not been set.



Photo by Scott McNichol/Spoke

### Golden gloves

Lennox Lewis, olympic boxing gold medalist, visited Conestoga College May 9. He came with friend Tennyson Ramsay, second-year LASA student, who was picking up his final marks.

## Pay equity gets a boost

By Scott McNichol

Conestoga College's continuing education's pay equity program got a boost at a conference with Brigid O'Reilly, pay equity commissioner for Ontario, at the college May 17.

Roughly 125 people attended the Wednesday conference, open to anyone in area businesses who wanted a better understanding of the new Pay Equity Act.

The conference was the second of seven to be held at community colleges across Ontario. O'Reilly said she is going to the colleges to help explain the act, which came into effect Jan. 1, 1988.

The act requires that a pay equity plan be drawn up and posted by businesses with 11 employees or more. Posting dates vary by the amount of employees. The earliest posting date is Jan. 1, 1990 for public corporations, such as schools and private businesses with 500 employees or more.



Brigid O'Reilly

"It allows the employer and employee(s) to work together in coming up with a reasonable wage program," said O'Reilly. She said that it will greatly help women

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To remedy this, Martinek suggested that children be exposed to math and science at an earlier age. He also suggested that teachers should be much more qualified and enthusiastic about what they are teaching.

"It would take time," he said, "but it's the only way to change the situation."

Will Baxter, principal of Eastwood Collegiate in Kitchener, said he agreed, adding that the high schools are trying to encourage interest in technology areas.

Martinek said that it's a good thing the high school system has changed slightly. It used to be that many of the important math and science courses were optional, allowing students to choose the easiest way to a diploma. Now, some of these courses are mandatory, he said.

The problem is also at the college level. Many programs, said Martinek, are given titles that seem too demanding.

As an example, he cited the metal fabrication program, whose title makes it sound as if students would be working with heavy metal objects. In fact, he said, it is more a design program.

"These names will have to be changed," said Martinek.

"There will have to be changes in many areas and this will take time," said Martinek, adding that he is confident that what is being done now will help maintain the college's technology programs for a few more years.

ques and loans as well as any information concerning their records.

Gross said it is expected that with the grouping of administration staff there will be more people available in one place to assist students and non-students. In addition to renovations are plans to construct walled offices, allowing more privacy for interviews between administration and students.

Gross said that the project is just one of many to help improve first impressions and student needs.

Plans are also being made to improve the amount of visitor parking,

but these recommendations are progressing slowly, Gross said. He added that it is mainly due to lack of funds and no more work will be done until the fall of 1989.

The cost of all the projects comes from the college operating funds — a collection of money from federal and provincial funds, and college revenue, said Gross.

He expects such changes will increase the number of applicants and draw in people who would otherwise not consider Conestoga College.

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who feel they are receiving less pay than men.

The act was passed primarily to help women who find they are often paid less than men working at the same job, said O'Reilly.

She also said that this system is different than the old complaint system. Now, both employers and employees have a chance to resolve any complaints before implementing a wage program.

O'Reilly said that so far there have been no real stumbling blocks and it is hoped that through courses offered by the community colleges

all businesses will have a decent program.

As yet businesses with less than 11 workers are not affected by the act, but O'Reilly plans to make an amendment to include these. She said it will not be done until 1992 because by then, any problems should be cleared up.

Conestoga College offers a course called Implementing Pay Equity in the Workplace.

The 30-hour course is held at both the Doon and Waterloo campuses.

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# NEWS

## Newspaper mandate: profit or good journalism?

By Michael-Allan Marion

"The bottom line" at the Globe and Mail was a hot topic of discussion for nearly 100 people attending the Ontario Reporters Association convention May 13 at Conestoga College.

In the past few months, the Toronto daily—often called Canada's national newspaper—has made changes in its senior editorial and administrative positions, and has begun reducing the size of its reporting staff and expanding its business section.

Many reporters at the Globe are worried the changes are part of a plan to transform the newspaper into a business publication like the Wall Street Journal, one Globe reporter told the convention. Senior staff argue the changes are necessary to keep the Globe and Mail profitable.

The Saturday morning discussion was led by a panel of three men who each had a different understanding of "the bottom line" — Paul Palango, national editor of the Globe and Mail, Lorne Slotnick, labor reporter and vice-chairman of the Globe's unit of the newspaper guild and Brian Butters, corporate spokesman for Southam Press.

Palango, who spoke first, said the changes were necessary to increase readership of the newspaper. In its quest to become a national newspaper, the Globe and Mail had to search for a solid readership level, he said.

"In 1978 the newspaper almost went out of business," he said, "because the editor in chief had a vision of the newspaper that made no economic sense."

Palango said the editor wanted to keep the business section small and accentuate na-

tional and international news instead. The problem, he explained, was that the hard news emphasis did not keep a solid readership, and business ads were being turned down to keep that section small.

Palango said statistics show regular readership of newspapers had lowered from 73 per cent of the reading public in 1967 to 51 per cent in 1988.

"People are moving down the readership ladder from regular to occasional readers," he said.

Slotnick argued "the bottom line" was good journalism. He said at any newspaper there should be a balance between profit and good journalism, but the Globe and Mail's managers had tipped the balance toward profit by changing the newspaper into a business publication.

Of the bigger business section, he said,

"All the resources are being diverted to it because that's where the advertising dollars are."

Butters put the emphasis on profits.

"Let's face it," he told his audience of about 60 people, mostly reporters. "Advertising pays our salaries."

He said it was necessary to reduce reporting staff by 10 per cent through attrition, early retirement packages and a greater use of part-time staff.

He said Southam had no other options because the company feared a hostile takeover. When questioned, he would not identify the feared bidder, but said it was not the Thomson chain.

"If we don't tighten down our costs, then someone else will take us over and do it," he said.

## Convention discusses how media perceives itself

By Michael-Allan Marion

The fundamental role of a newspaper ombudsman is to be the reader's representative, Henry McNulty, ombudsman at the Hartford Courant, said in a guest speech at the Ontario Reporters Association awards banquet May 15.

Speaking after a dinner at the Holiday Inn, Kitchener, McNulty talked about the role of a newspaper ombudsman, often drawing on his own experience in that position in Hartford, Connecticut.

He said the concept of a newspaper ombudsman is only about 25 years old and today only 30 daily newspapers in North America have one.

"For many newspapers the idea of an ombudsman is good in principle until it affects them," he said. "But some have

philosophical objections about the concept. They feel it unnecessarily restricts their freedom."

He said conflicts between newspaper reporters and readers usually revolve around two questions — who are newspapers really working for and should they decide to print on the basis of the public's right to know or the individual's right to privacy?

McNulty said later in an interview that as a "reader's representative" he did not always see himself as an advocate, taking the case of the reader before the newspaper.

"There's no one pattern to the role," he said. "It depends on who I'm reporting to in the newspaper and the nature of the complaint. I guess I'm mostly a liaison — a communication channel."

McNulty's speech capped one of the

themes of the conference — how the media looks at itself.

The day-long meeting was held at the Doon campus of Conestoga College.

Vince Carlin, head of CBC Radio news, and Ivor Shapiro, freelance writer, took part in one daytime discussion on how the media cover the media.

In the afternoon, George Kemick, chief designer for the London Free Press, led a discussion on writing for the newspapers of the 1990s. He fielded questions and criticism from participants on the re-design of the London daily.

Kemick said the new design of the London Free Press emphasizes shorter stories, fact boxes and graphics. Many reporters protested the small number of stories on the front page and the lack of information in stories.

Another session dealt with whether a city hall reporter should be a booster or a kind of official opposition. Participants were Gary Rennie, Windsor Star reporter, Robert Williams, University of Waterloo political science professor and Grant Hopcroft, London city councillor.

In the day's opening session, changes in format and editorial management at the Globe and Mail as well as the economics of newspapers were discussed by Paul Palango, national editor for the Globe, Lorne Slotnick, a labor reporter and vice-chairman of the Globe's unit of the newspaper guild and Brian Butters, corporate spokesman for Southam Press.

The ORA also held elections for next year's executive and board. Andy Schoenhofer, a journalism student at Conestoga College, was elected student director.

## Conestoga journalism graduate receives award at convention

By Michael-Allan Marion

A graduate of Conestoga College's journalism-print program was one of the winners at this year's Ontario Reporters Association convention and awards banquet held May 13 at the college.

Arlonna Henrich, who graduated in June 1986, shared a prize of \$125 with Joe Hornyak, reporter for the Timmins Daily Press,

for the best opinion piece in a circulation under 20,000.

Her article, entitled Provincial Minister Should Be Ashamed, decried the Ministry of Municipal Affairs' use of a poster printed on non-recyclable paper urging people to vote in the 1988 municipal elections. Recycling was a major issue in many municipalities during those elections.

Andrew Jankowski, co-ordinator of Conestoga College's journalism-print program,

judged the articles for that category. He said he evaluated them using four criteria, and when he added up the scores from each area, Henrich and Hornyak were tied.

Of Henrich's piece, he said, "I liked the style, although I thought it was perhaps a little too shrill. I don't think it demanded heavy guns."

Henrich, 24 next month, has been working for three years at the New Hamburg Inde-

pendent, where the article was published.

She also does freelance work. Her latest article, appearing in New Era, a Fairway Group publication for senior citizens, is called The Man Behind the Quilts and Pies — a story about Howard Gimbel, who heads the Ontario Mennonite Relief Sale.

Henrich said she was unable to pick up her award at the banquet because she was working that evening.

## Journalists better off with more practical grasp of careers



### OPINION

By  
Michael - Allan Marion

At the Ontario Reporters Association convention held May 13 at Conestoga College, we were treated to a rare spectacle — the opportunity to watch three men debate our future careers as journalists.

The gentlemen in question made up a panel, debating "the bottom line" at the Globe and Mail and Southam newspapers, but what they had to say had ramifications far broader in scope. Some of those attending the convention — including teachers in the journalism-

print program at Doon campus — later said they were surprised and found disquieting some of the remarks made by the panelists.

Lorne Slotnick, labor reporter for the self-named national newspaper, decried the recent changes in senior editorial staff and the re-allocation of reporters to the business section — to his mind all threads in a plot to convert the newspaper into another Wall Street Journal. In his opinion, the balance between profit and good journalism was being destroyed.

Arrayed against him were Paul Palango, the Globe's national editor, and Brian Butters, Southam's apologist, defending the changes on the grounds of necessity. While Palango pointed to the need to protect readership levels and Butters dared to blurt out a dangerous truth — "advertising pays our salaries" — both men were really talking like two departments of the same corporation. Readership and advertising, to them, were synonymous with market share and accounts receivable.

But should we be surprised? Butters and Palango were only describing a process that has been inching along in the newspaper industry during the past 30 years.

In the post-war period newspapers have changed from being enterprises needing to be

financed to just another set of corporations selling a product.

In the latter 1800s and early 1900s, the free press was driven by a set of motives different from the world of business. But the rise of corporate capitalism in this century eventually caught up with cash-strapped newspapers, enforcing the usual consolidation and rationalization of operations to the profit motive that it did in other industries and implanting its own culture in the process.

Corporate consolidation has done to newspapers what it has done to professional sports and countless trades and professions that used to be endowed with a mythology of vigorous, independent entrepreneurialism.

Today, maritime fishermen no longer really "go down to the sea in ships"; their company-owned

high-tech trawlers would rival the efficiency of any fleet of destroyers.

The noisy rivalries of NHL teams that used to be confined to the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence and New England cradle have been lost in the roar of jets flying players across a continent to suit up in cities that never see snow.

And what of the hard-headed, hard-drinking editor portrayed by Walter Matthau in The Front Page? He'll join all the other wondrous mythologies of professions and trades now consigned to the role of advertising images.

Butters and Palango are really doing us a favor. Whether as journalists or aspirants to the profession we would all be better off having a more practical grasp of our careers.



# OPINION

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### Put school behind and get a real job

By Julie Lawrence

With the closing of each school year comes the reality of becoming a little older and, perhaps, a little wiser.

It also brings about the realization that, yes, it's time to put our school years behind us and start getting on with our lives.

It's a scary thought, having to go out into the real world and venture into the job of our choice.

Who are we kidding? What are the chances of that happening? Like anyone else, you have to start at the bottom of the ladder and after years and years of dedication slowly work your way to the top.

Only an elite few find a job that will earn them a comfortable salary for the rest of their lives — the ideal job, with a so-called secure future. And then, it's only because they have inherited the family business.

There is a positive side to finding a job — money. It doesn't matter how much you make because you know it's usually more than you were making as a student. No more relying on OSAP for your next meal or your next rent cheque. It's easy sailing from here on in.

Oh no, it's not. Your parents, whom you thought would never turn on you, are now asking for board. Just when you thought your pay cheques were yours alone, your own parents want to take part of them away from you. It's a cruel world.

I guess you can always move out. But instead of paying \$200 a month, it's now \$400. And, that price doesn't include home-cooked meals and clean laundry.

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**Janet Toews**  
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(The) quiet. Walking around outside in the nice, beautiful weather.  
**Beth Robbins**  
 Security officer



The open doors . . . and the pond . . . and the trail . . . and the trilliums — especially the woods and the trilliums.  
**Marilyn Lambert**  
 Continuing Education  
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Sitting in the hard seats and bugging Greg.  
**Domenic Rossi**  
 First-year  
 RNA



I like this summer better because there are more people around. There's more activity.  
**Cathy Potvin**  
 LRC

## Youth gangs getting a little closer to home



By  
**Zora Jokic**

Here's a frightening thought.

Imagine walking down a deserted, poorly-lit street in Kitchener and being jumped by a gang of middle-class teenagers on a robbery and assault rampage.

These are otherwise normal, young (13 to 19-year-old) city dwellers, who consider a night of fun gathering with their friends for a bizarre outing they call "wilding." This

is a spontaneous get-together, where the object is to find and severely beat as many vulnerable people as possible, "just for fun."

Of course, this type of gang action has not hit Kitchener, yet. But it is getting closer to home.

Recently, in Toronto, a 19-year-old member of a youth gang called the Rude Boys was arrested after he and other gang members taunted a judge and chased friends of a youth accused of murder. This occurred after the accused youth's bail hearing, part of a recent crackdown on gangs in Toronto.

So, you say, what else is new? You pick up the papers or turn on the telly every day and see the same thing. Read on.

Earlier this spring, a young woman was gang-raped and beaten with rocks by about

a dozen teenagers in New York's Central Park. The woman, a Wall Street stockbroker, was jogging when the kids attacked her, and was found unconscious minus most of her clothes. These kids had beat her head with a rock after using her shirt to gag her and bind her hands.

When I say kids, I mean it — they were aged 13 to 15.

One gang member later told police in a written confession that "it was something to do. It was fun."

During their 75-minute rampage, the gang not only attacked the woman and left her for dead, but assaulted at least eight other people. They threw rocks at bicyclists, assaulted a homeless man and beat joggers in Central Park.

At the police station, the youths were

bragging to each other about their "adventures," comparing notes and actually laughing about the whole thing.

The most frightening thing about this whole episode is that the youths had no motivation to attack so savagely. They just did it for fun. They don't belong to any specific gangs that authorities can track down, but rather, they get together impulsively, and without regard for another human life, viciously and primitively attack those who cannot fight back.

Kitchener is certainly nothing like New York City, but the same type of gang activity is happening not more than an hour or two away, in Toronto.

Kind of makes you want to get yourself a pit bull just for those walks in the park.



# College nursing representatives attend hospital's education fair

By Eric Schmiedl

Representatives from Conestoga College attended K-W Hospital's nursing education fair to give out information about the college's nursing programs May 10.

Eleanor Conlin, continuing education manager of health and social services programs at the college, hosted the display and answered questions. She said being at the fair was part of her normal duties, as she often sets up displays in local classrooms and hospitals.

"I'm responsible for going to all my agencies, long-term care facilities, and hospitals, to assess their learning needs and make known what is available and what we can do for them," Conlin said.

Recruiting applicants for nursing programs was one reason for Conestoga's information display. Prospective applicants can see what the college has to offer, then pick what courses they want, Conlin said.

A number of other educational institutions, including McMaster University and Mohawk College, also sent representatives to K-W Hospital. Conlin said the various

schools work together to service nursing applicants.

"If we don't have a particular program, we can connect them with someone who does," Conlin said.

Colleges and universities are trying to promote their nursing programs because the field will be very important in the next few years, according to Conlin. She said the cancellation of Conestoga's part-time nursing assistant program could cause serious problems in the future, as there is a high demand for registered nursing assistants locally.

"We do have a problem with RNAs — we're going to need them," Conlin said. "They're taking on an expanded role now, and they need more and more nursing assistants throughout the region."

In addition to Conlin's information display, Conestoga contributed to the one-day event by providing a resume workshop.

Marilyn Black-Lambert, manager of community programs at Conestoga College, gave a half-hour workshop at 11 a.m. and 2

p.m. on what to include in a resume. By allowing representatives to take part in the day's activities, the college was making itself known as a presence in the community, Lambert said.

"The college has been very good in seeing this as part of my responsibility, in terms of serving the community," Lambert added.

She said the college is quite aware of its responsibility to the community.

"We (the college) try to be good citizens. Part of that citizenship is taking part in the community, and therefore providing this kind of service when we're asked."

Terry Murphy, a clinical instructor at the hospital, contacted Lambert and requested her to present the workshop. Murphy, the co-ordinator of the fair, said the response to the event was good.

"We sent out invitations to all the colleges, nursing schools, hospitals, the Victorian Order of Nurses, and large health groups. . . anyone we thought might be interested," Murphy said.

Nineteen groups, including colleges and universities, contacted



Photo by Eric Schmiedl/Spoke

Eleanor Conlin prepares to greet prospective nursing education applicants at K-W Hospital's nursing education fair.

the hospital in response to the invitations, Murphy said. Eighteen of those groups showed up.

Close to 140 people had signed the guest register halfway through the fair, but Murphy estimated at least 20 more had actually arrived. "I consider that successful," Murphy said.

The fair was a positive thing for

nurses, who are "feeling a little downtrodden right now," according to Murphy.

"We're viewed very much as handmaidens to the doctors, and we would like to put ourselves over as a much more professional group of people," Murphy said. "I think this fair will have a positive effect on that."

## BRT students, faculty attend CBC Telefest awards luncheon

By Scott McNichol

A number of Conestoga College broadcasting radio/television (BRT) students and faculty attended this year's CBC Telefest Awards luncheon, held May 4 in Toronto.

"It's a very prestigious event," said Cliff Rawnsley, a second-year student. "It's set up like the Academy Awards."

BRT co-ordinator Larry McIntyre, teacher Mike Du Boulay and three students — Rawnsley, Mary Ellen Pender (second-year) and Eva Eichenbaum (third-year) — attended the awards.

Rawnsley and Pender were contenders in the video (long documentary) category, in which they submitted videos no longer than 21 minutes.

Eichenbaum entered the long non-documentary category, in which videos could be no longer than 21 minutes.

McIntyre said that although none of his students won, it was still a good experience.

Conestoga's BRT program has won eight awards over the past nine years, according to McIntyre. This year's awards, however, went mainly to students from York University and Ryerson.

The award certificate symbolizes the prestige of being chosen a winner by CBC, said Du Boulay. Even if students do not win the category, they still come out with a critique and participation certificates, he added.

According to McIntyre, one item of major interest at the event was the announcement of Don



Photo by Scott McNichol/Spoke

Larry McIntyre, co-ordinator of the broadcast/radio and television program, points out telefest awards from past years.

Goodwin's retirement. Goodwin was regional director for the CBC and filled in as the announcer on CBC national news during the recent CBC strike. He had also been a part-time teacher in Conestoga's broadcasting program.

The retirement may mean that Goodwin will not teach at the college next year, which would be a shame, said McIntyre. Goodwin had also been responsible for bringing in high-profile guest speakers to the program who normally wouldn't be available.

By Julie Lawrence

Finding accommodation shouldn't be a problem for new students in the coming year if they start looking early enough, according to Myrna Nicholas, student services staff.

"You can't show up a week before classes start and expect to find a place to live," said Nicholas.

A housing registry for the Kitchener/Cambridge area — computerized by Nicholas — has been set up to aid the students in finding suitable accommodations.

Nicholas, who has set up the registry for six years, sent letters to people on the housing registry list from last year and asked them if they were willing to offer room and board or room and cooking again this year.

Most of them were willing to do so again and some even got their neighbors interested in offering rooms, said Nicholas.

"Room and cooking could run the students about \$65 per week, if they stay seven days per week," said Nicholas. But the students can usually get a lower rate if they are going home on the weekends.

Most people are just going for a room and doing their own cooking, added Nicholas, because they are often not home for the supper hour and would rather eat at the college or out with a friend.

People offering rooms have specified non-smokers this year more than any other year, said Nicholas. They were also given the option of specifying male or female, but usually this didn't matter.

Last year all students who went through the housing registry found a place to live, said Nicholas. There were even extra people left on the list who were not even approached by the students, added Nicholas.

Each year is different though, said Nicholas.

Single parents trying to find accommodations seem to be the big-



Myrna Nicholas

gest problem this year, said Nicholas. There are not many people willing to take on both a student and a small child. Whether or not this is going to be a continuing problem depends on the way society is changing, added Nicholas.

Apprentices at the college for a month or two at a time are experiencing some difficulties in finding accommodation, said Nicholas. But that is only because the apprenticeship board tells them on a Friday whether or not they are accepted for the apprenticeship program. Apprentices then have to start the following Monday.

There are people willing to offer room and board to apprentices only. But there are not many spaces, said Nicholas, and they are taken quickly.

"The whole idea of the housing registry is to get the students settled as quickly as possible," said Nicholas. "It also puts me in good contact with the people in the community and I like that."

The housing list can be found in room 2B12, the student services office.



# University donates motor to Detweiler Centre

By Julie Lawrence

The University of Toronto has helped the Daniel B. Detweiler Centre's programs by donating a 25-horsepower synchronized motor to the college, said George Woods, academic co-ordinator for electrical skills.

The electrical engineering department at the university is cleaning out all the larger, older motors the students no longer use, and are bringing in smaller motors for them to work on, said Woods.

"When they found out what kind of programs the college was offering, the co-ordinator of the department gave me a call and offered it to us," said Woods. "It's a perfectly good motor."

"This motor will really enhance

the programs at the centre," he said, "because we don't have one like it."

The motor is used in industry for equipment that needs to remain operating at a constant speed, such as a generator or a compressor, said Woods.

The engineering department had the problem of doing a lot of theory and not enough practical teaching with the motors, because it didn't have enough motors and other test equipment for each student, said Woods.

By getting rid of it and other pieces of equipment, the department made room to bring in enough smaller motors for almost every student in the program, he added.

"This motor will get us by until

the college can afford to buy some new ones," said Woods.

The students in the apprenticeship programs will be taking the motor apart to see how it operates, said Woods. They will be testing the different components of the motor and demonstrating how it operates.

Many industries in the past have taken an interest in the Detweiler Centre's programs and the quality of students produced by them, said Woods.

"It's nice to know that other educational institutions, such as the University of Toronto, are noticing the kind of operation we have going here and are also supporting it by donating worthwhile equipment."



Photo by Julie Lawrence/Spoke

Joe Pinheiro and Colin Goodwin, electric motor rewind and apprenticeship students, look at a motor donated by the University of Toronto.

## Electrical apprentices say studies at Detweiler Centre worthwhile

By Julie Lawrence

Electrical apprentices Walter Bunghart and Shawn Ryan have found coming to Conestoga College a worthwhile experience.

Bunghart, from Budd Canada in Barrie, had to take a \$10 cut in pay — from \$22 an hour to \$12 — to enter the apprenticeship program offered by the employer.

Bunghart said he went from being a lead-hand on a production line to earning 65 per cent of his former wage.

"I'll probably never make \$22 per hour again," said Bunghart, "but at least I will have job security. They will always need an electrician to fix a machine in the plant."

In the past, Bunghart was bumped off his job whenever production slowed down and people were being laid off. He was placed back on the production line, doing hard work he was no longer used to.

In the space of a couple of years a production line that had over 100 people working on it was cut by a considerable amount due to the increased automation on the line, he said.

"Because I am becoming a valued skilled tradesman," said Bunghart, "I am treated like a person by my employer and not a machine." Machines become outdated, but skilled tradesmen keep themselves informed and up-to-date in the industry, he added.

Ryan, who is also a Budd Canada employee, said, "there is no job security, especially in a factory, without having some sort of skilled training."

You might have a job today, added Ryan, but tomorrow your employer could tell you your job no longer exists because of advancements in technology and automation.

Both Bunghart and Ryan are in the second phase of their apprenticeship, the intermediate level. They took their basic studies at Mohawk College, in Hamilton, said Ryan.

Over the years, Conestoga College's electrical programs had a bad reputation among industries for failing to teach students what

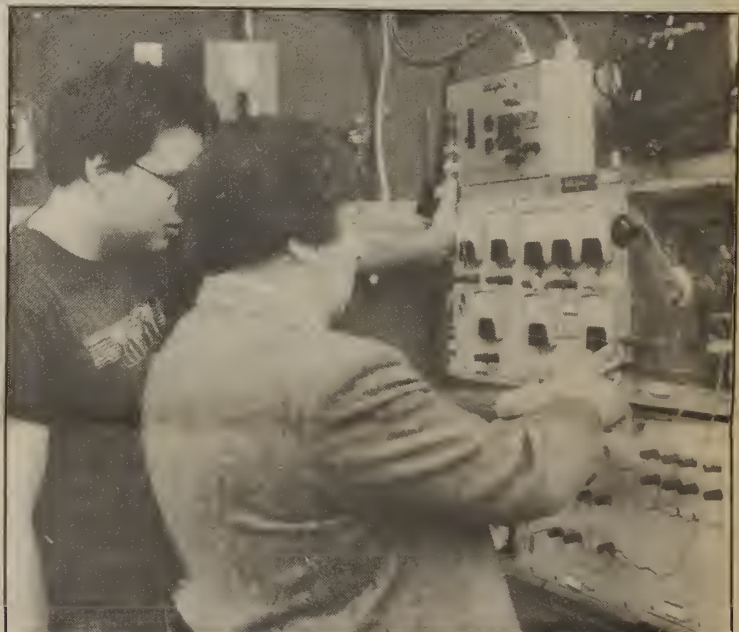


Photo by Julie Lawrence/Spoke

Norm Socha, electrical skills teacher, looks over one of Shawn Ryan's wiring projects.

the employers expected them to know.

For many years, said Ryan, Budd Canada refused to send any apprentices to Conestoga. They were the first students in about six years to be sent to the college and even then it was by their choice, not the choice of their employers.

To apply for the apprenticeship program, Ryan and Bunghart had to go through a series of aptitude and skill-related tests.

About 65 employees applied for sponsorship by Budd Canada for the apprenticeship program. The minimum requirement to apply for the apprenticeship was a Grade 12 education.

After the series of tests, said Ryan, only six employees qualified to take the program. They were given the opportunity to choose which apprenticeship program they wanted, such as electrical, plumbing or welding.

Of the six apprentices that went to Mohawk, Budd and Ryan are the only two that switched to Conestoga for the electrical apprenticeship program, offered at the Daniel B. Detweiler Centre, said Ryan.

Upon completing the intermediate program, Ryan said, he was quite impressed with the facility and the quality of up-to-date equipment they had to offer the apprentices.

He said the teachers seem interested in what they are teaching and have a good way of bringing the information across to the students. They (the teachers) take the time to make sure students understand the information and know what to do with it, he added.

The centre's programs are earning a respectable reputation, said Ryan, and more companies are looking into sending their employees to Conestoga.

He will recommend the programs to his employer for the future apprentices. But, he would not recommend the Mohawk program. Mohawk is facing the problem Conestoga was facing many years ago — out-dated programs and equipment.

George Woods, academic co-ordinator of electrical technicians, said he was happy to see the change in industries' attitude toward the programs offered at the college and to know students and apprentices are recommending its programs to their employers.



Photo by Julie Lawrence/Spoke

Dave Garner sets up classroom with new equipment.

## Detweiler Centre to start advanced study program

By Julie Lawrence

Students who have completed the electrical apprenticeship program at Conestoga College now have the opportunity to take an advanced study program during the daytime at the Daniel B. Detweiler Centre, said Dave Garner, electrical skills instructor.

The 32-hours per week, eight-week program, scheduled to begin in June, is funded by the ministry of skills and development for students who have not yet received their journeyman electrician's 309A licence, said Garner.

Upon completing the basic, intermediate and advanced electronic apprenticeship courses, graduating students have the choice of writing the test for the journeyman's licence in Toronto, or taking the college program.

The course would give the students advanced training in industrial electronic controls, allowing them to repair old equipment, rather than just installing new equipment on the job site, said Garner.

If students take the program prior to getting their licences, the ministry will pay the college for the course and the students will receive unemployment insurance benefits while they take it.

Twenty-four students are enrolled in the new course and about six have been placed on a waiting list, said Garner.

He added about half of the students who completed the apprenticeship program at the centre have decided to take the advanced training course.

The same course is also offered at night, but it is only open

to journeymen who have their 309A or 442A licences, or have been working in the industry and want to take the advanced training to upgrade themselves.

There are four programs offered at night, each having about 15 students. They run six hours a week for 10 weeks.

"It takes over a year to complete the night-time course," said Garner. But once they do complete it, their journeymen's licence will be changed from a 309A or 442A to a 309D or a 442D class licence. The daytime course only takes eight weeks.

Both the day and the night courses will provide about 50 per cent hands-on training with the equipment, said Garner. The other 50 per cent will be theory.

Jobs in this area of study provide a variety of equipment to work on, said Garner.

"I don't know of too many journeymen who would trade their jobs for anyone else's," he added. The people who enrol in this type of course are more than willing to upgrade themselves — this way they are keeping up with all the changing and new equipment in the industry, he said.

Prior to the new day course and the old night course, which started in September 1988, the students had to go to Toronto to get advanced training, said Garner, and most of them just couldn't be bothered.

Now that the course is being offered in this area, said Garner, "we are hoping more students from the apprenticeship programs will become interested in the advanced training."



# POT — POURRI

**Zodiac enthusiasts beware: these horoscopes are just plain horrible**

## Madam



## Starsky

### YOUR HORRORSCOPE

There has been a lot of activity in the heavens lately, exalted fellow believers. The stars have been criss-crossed (and so have my eyes, so bear with me.)

Keepers of the zodiac, I fear the horoscopes this time are perfectly horrid, so I've renamed them HORRORSCOPIES. But read on, MacDuff, and stop, when you've had enough!

**Aries:** This week, people of the ram will find you are even more accident-prone than you normally are. People, objects and animals seem to collide with your forehead on a regular basis. It could be those curved pieces of bone growing out of your head. Bear with it, it should pass when the moon turns full on the 29th.

**Taurus:** Your stubborn ways

gets you into a lot of trouble this week. You seem to take a vicious delight in annoying anyone who crosses your path. Beware of authority figures, like your boss or teacher — these people, whatever sign, usually don't tolerate such behaviour.

**Gemini:** Loved ones have caught on to your manipulative ways in the past weeks. Your bright, false smiles aren't fooling them any more, and your only friends (if you're lucky) in the next weeks will be furry. Chin up, your natural greed for money and uncanny ability to find it can help chase the blues away.

**Cancer:** Your manic depression of the last lifetime or so is not likely to lift for the next little while. But remember one thing — it's all self-inflicted, and all it will take is another couple of trips to the funny farm.

**Leo:** For heaven's sake (no pun intended), why do you Leos insist on being so mean? Even your best friends aren't safe from your wrath. Female Leos will be gossiping about their friends' boyfriends, just because they seem happier than you. Boy, can you Leos hold a grudge!

**Virgo:** This is the time for you pure-minded Virgos to come out of your dark dungeons and live it up. Summer's coming and nobody's ever gotten a tan hiding in the shadows!

**Libra:** Why can't you Librans make up your minds? One you get what you want you want to give it back, because anything you have is not enough. Take these next two weeks to try changing your ways, because you may end up giving away your own grandmother!

**Scorpio:** Your stinging comments cut through a lot of skin this week. That's not nice, so take heed — your own venom may shoot back in your own veins. Especially since you'll be hanging around other drug-using Scorpions.

**Sagittarius:** Your aim is off this week, Sagittarius. You won't get what you want, whatever that is. You seem to want everything anybody else has, and the bigger, the better. So set your sights a little lower this time, but beware of venomous earthworms.

**Capricorn:** You Capricorns must learn to stay out of places where you are not wanted — like bar mitzvahs and biker bars. Stick to your own scene, which may not be as exciting, but safer in the long run.

**Aquarius:** You Aquarians love liquids, so you may find this advice a little hard to follow. Join Alcoholics Anonymous before the full moon on the 29th, when who knows what can happen!

**Pisces:** You also like liquids, but not as much as Aquarians. However, the full moon on the 29th will be too much for your hot blood to bear. Maybe you'd better gather all your Aquarian friends and join AA too!



## The Wingwang Advisory

aka: Sam Slander  
revisited

Dear WA,

I have a problem with perspiration. No matter what I do, unsightly wet stains cover almost my entire body. This is very distressing, as people don't talk to me, or invite me into their homes (I soak the furniture.) What can I do?

Soggy  
Dear Soggy,  
Wrap yourself in Saran Wrap. This may add to the actual amount of sweat you produce, but at least the furniture will stay dry. Make sure you don't spring a leak — the results could be disastrous.

Dear WA,

This has been the worst day of my life. I woke up and found that my pet goldfish was floating belly-up, and that my house had been ransacked in the middle of the night. I went to work only to find that I'd been canned, so I went to the bank to draw some money for a massive drinking binge. Just my luck, the department of revenue claimed my money, saying I owed them for back taxes. I was so depressed, I walked out into the street and was hit by a moving van. I'm now writing this from my hospital bed using my right arm, the only limb that wasn't torn off in the accident. God, I feel lousy. Can you cheer me up?

Blehh  
Dear Blehh,  
No.

Dear WA,

Your advice sucks. You once told me to drop my wife, take a mistress and move to Tahiti. I did so, and I've regretted it ever since. While in Tahiti, I was mugged and my mistress left me for a guy who looked like Monty Hall. When I came back to beg my wife's forgiveness, she sued me for all I had. Now I'm a penniless bum who drinks rubbing alcohol — when I can't afford Aqua Velva. What do you have to say about this mess?

Screwed beyond belief  
Dear Screwed,  
You pays your money, and you takes your chances.

Dear WA,

My nasal hairs are incredibly long. The slimy strands droop out almost two inches past my lower lip, and disgust everyone I see. My girlfriend is understanding, but I suspect she doesn't find my appearance attractive. What can I do?

Nosy  
Dear Nosy,  
Wax up your nasal hairs to make a decorative handlebar moustache. You'll be the envy of every guy in town.

Dear WA,

Oh, I must say I enjoy your column. It's just delightful. Every time I read it, I just jump for joy. Oh I love love love it. It's better than gold, and I wouldn't give up reading your column for any amount of money. You're tops.

Faithful Fan  
Dear Faithful,  
You're spreading it a bit thick, don't you think? After all, I only paid you five bucks.

Dear WA,

A little while back I began getting obscene phone calls, which were incredibly explicit. They've continued, and are getting more and more vile all the time. I've tried hanging up, not answering the phone and giving the sweaty pig a piece of my mind, but the calls keep coming in. What can I do?

Phonesick  
Dear Phonesick,  
Try to make the best of your situation. Tape the calls, and play them back at parties for loads of fun.

Dear WA,

I have a drinking problem — my girlfriend. She's drunk all the time, and there are no signs of her easing up on the booze. Once she was so drunk she threw up all over a dozen people, and that was in church. She's horribly blitzed, what can I do?

Friend of Pickled Female  
Dear Friend,  
Fight fire with fire. Get tanked yourself. If nothing else, you'll be too wasted to care.

## BEERNUTS featuring Sam Slander



NEXT: THE ORIGIN OF SAM SLANDER



# Orientation planned to make students part of college



Photo by Scott McNichol/Spoke

Future students get a sneak preview of Conestoga College's Doon campus as peer helpers lead tours during orientations.

By Scott McNichol

Orientation sessions got off to a good start May 8 at the college's Doon campus as prospective students were exposed to important information, according to the coordinator of student services.

The three-hour orientations are planned to make new students feel part of the college community before starting in September, said Carol Gregory.

They also give students a chance to get a jump on housing, parking, and financial help — things usually left to the last minute, she added.

Gregory said she was pleased with the first week of orientations, especially those held May 10, for students entering health sciences programs.

"I received a lot of compliments from students and parents about the sessions," she said.

The majority of people said the

sessions increased their desire to come to Conestoga College. Gregory also said things got a little behind during the "trial run" sessions May 8 for incoming technology students. As a result, subsequent sessions were shortened, allowing more time for the campus tours, given by peer helpers — students already in programs at the college who have dedicated their time to helping new students.

The schools of engineering technology, health sciences, applied arts, and business have four information sessions each, according to Gregory. This allows students and parents the opportunity to fit a session into their own schedules.

The number of people attending each session is recorded so that student services can evaluate how effective the orientations are.

Gregory said that each session should have roughly 100 students, since there are about 1,700 coming in September.

Myrna Nicholas, of student services, said she thought the sessions worked well, and student reaction also was positive.

"I think it is a good thing. It allowed me to see where my classes will be in September," said James Bellefeuille, who will be going into the electronics engineering technicians program.

Gregory said new students also benefit from the sessions because most of the paperwork and confusing questions can be dealt with now. It is hoped this will eliminate some of the long lines that usually occur at the registrar's office in September, said Gregory.

Orientation days are being held at the Doon, Waterloo, Stratford and Guelph campuses.

"If all works out," said Gregory, "this idea will be continued next year."

She said another orientation day will be held Aug. 31 for anyone who missed the May sessions.

## DSA makes introduction video

By Michael-Allan Marion

The set was littered with beach balls and towels May 15 as the Doon Student Association began filming an orientation video for this September's incoming students.

Tentatively titled *The Year in Advance*, the film's main purpose is to introduce Conestoga College and the DSA to new students, according to Cheryl Wilson, DSA activities co-ordinator.

"It gives us a chance to introduce the DSA and maybe get people interested in participating," Wil-

son said. "We'd like to get students to know about us as soon as possible and get the feel of the place."

With no known budget or script, the film was shot with the participants — the DSA executive — ad-libbing the lines on camera.

"It's basically a homemade movie," said Wilson, who was one of the "cast members." "We're not trying to look professional or anything. We just want it to have a fun look."

The video was shot on the cafeteria patio with the par-

ticipants filmed in group activities, while a cast member occasionally broke toward the camera to talk about an aspect of the college or the DSA.

The idea for this year's video came from last year's DSA executive, which had done one the previous year. Wilson said the executive thought it was a useful project to continue.

The video will be first shown during the nursing program's orientation session at the end of August.



Photo by Zora Jokic/Spoke

## Faculty attend second annual book fair

By Michael-Allan Marion

There was a temporary oversupply of books in Conestoga College's learning resource centre May 8 when it hosted the second annual "meet the publishers" book fair.

The book fair is an event organized by the college to give faculty an opportunity to meet publishing companies and view new texts related to their fields. It also provides publishing companies with the chance to promote their wares.

Sherley Loucks, secretary in the department of applied arts and preparatory studies, who organized the event, called it a success. She said 31 companies were

invited and 14 responded with displays, topping last year's turnout.

The companies invited already had publications in the college's bookstore and included the major publishers Nelson Canada, Merrill, and Copp Clark Pitman Ltd.

Loucks said faculty turnout was high and she was surprised many technology instructors attended even though there had been a technology book fair only the week before.

"Traffic in the library picked up from about mid-morning till after 3 p.m.," she said. "There was a pretty steady flow, with faculty from all departments."

Loucks attributed the lower turnout last year to the fact that

another college also held a book fair on the same day, forcing many companies to choose one location or the other.

May is a critical month in the textbook industry because instructors choose textbooks for courses starting in September. Any faculty interested in having the bookstore order new texts are given free copies by the publishing companies.

Loucks said one of the companies suggested an earlier date for next year's book fair, but she thought April would be a poor choice due to instructors' end-of-term commitments.

### Where did it go?

Michael - Allan Marion, second-year journalism student, supplies Stephen Robb, Waterloo regional police officer, with information on his missing camera May 17.

## Join the Doon — Walk

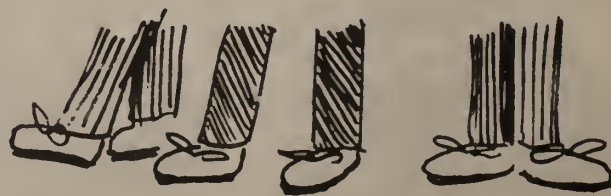
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